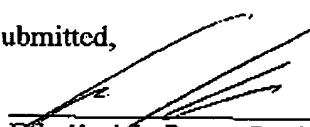


**REMARKS**

1. Claims 1-3, 7, 17, and 19 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Chou '284. Claims 4-6 and 17-20 were rejected under 35 USC §103 in light of Chou and various other cited references. Claims 8-13 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 14-16 were allowed.
2. Claim 1 was amended in light of the references cited by Examiner to clarify that the electrically powered bicycle includes a second gear connected to a rim of the wheel. The prior art does not teach the connection of the electric motor via gears to the rim of the wheel. In light of this important distinction, claims 1-13 should be allowed.
3. Claims 14-16 were previously allowed.
4. Claims 17-20 are cancelled.
5. A petition and fee for extension of time in the present response of 1 month is enclosed herewith, making this amendment timely filed as of the date of deposit shown below.
6. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-16.
7. In closing, I wish to express my appreciation for your kind consideration and helpful comments.

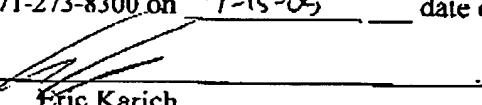
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